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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Officers Kill Man Who Drove into Patrol Vehicle

(U) A man who wore body armor and backed his car into a Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) vehicle in was fatally shot by officers, shutting down Sunset Boulevard Saturday afternoon. Officers were responding to a call with their lights and sirens at about 2:30 p.m. when a car suddenly cut in front of them and hit the brakes, according to the LAPD. The vehicle then reversed into the patrol car. The man exited the vehicle, wearing a bulletproof vest and keeping one arm behind his back, police said. “The officers gave him commands which he did not follow, and he started counting down 3-2-1,” an LAPD spokesperson said. “He started to pull his right hand from behind his back out to the front.” Officers shot the man, who has not been identified, he was pronounced dead at the scene.

SOURCE: 25 April 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Man Pleads Guilty to Murder of LA County Sheriff’s Deputy

(U) Trenton Trevon Lovell pleaded guilty Thursday to the 2016 murder of Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Sergeant Steven Owen in Lancaster, the LA District Attorney’s office said. Lovell, of Lancaster, plead guilty to one count each of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, first-degree burglary with a person present and possession of a firearm by a felon. He also plead guilty to two counts each of first-degree residential robbery and false imprisonment by violence, the DA’s office said. According to prosecutors, Lovell ambushed and shot Owen, 53, multiple times on 5 October 2016 while Owen was responding to a burglary Lovell had committed. Following the murder, Lovell jumped into Owen’s patrol vehicle. When a second deputy arrived at the scene, Lovell rammed into that patrol vehicle with Owen’s patrol vehicle, prosecutors said. Lovell then fled and ran into a nearby residence where he held two victims at knifepoint and robbed them. He was arrested about 90-minutes later.

SOURCE: 22 April 2021, [CBS Los Angeles](#)

(U) Westminster – Man Arrested in Connection with US Capitol Riot

(U) A Westminster man was arrested at his home Friday morning in connection with the 6 January insurrection at the US Capitol. Kevin Galetto, 61, was arrested just after 6 a.m. as federal authorities were executing a search warrant at his residence, said FBI Supervisory Special Agent Jason Dalton. Dalton said he could not say why Galetto was arrested, but authorities say it is connected to the attack at the US Capitol on 6 January, when supporters of former President Donald Trump breached the halls of Congress as legislators were preparing to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election.

SOURCE: 23 April 2021, [Fox 11 LA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – ICE, Border Patrol Arrest Human Smuggling Suspects

(U) Phoenix – Four people suspected of human smuggling are in custody after raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Border Patrol on Thursday morning at two locations in Phoenix. During the raids, agents found two semi-automatic assault rifles with high-capacity magazines. About 30

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migrants were found by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Border Patrol agents from the Tucson area, when they simultaneously served search warrants at two locations. ICE in Phoenix said the migrants are all adults.

SOURCE: 23 April 2021, [KJZZ](#)

(U) California – 10 Detained After Panga Boat Found in Palos Verdes

(U) Palos Verdes – An abandoned panga boat was discovered in Rancho Palos Verdes Friday and 10 undocumented non-citizens were found hiding in brush nearby, according to a spokesperson for Homeland Security Investigations. The panga boat was discovered in the Bluffs Cove area of Rancho Palos Verdes, according to HSI. The initial call, which came in around 7:59 a.m., was for an ocean rescue with Los Angeles County lifeguards responding to the area, according to the LA County Fire Department.

SOURCE: 23 April 2021, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York – Three Men Arrested for Allegedly Pulling Off \$30 Million International Bank Heist

(U) Brooklyn – Three Brooklyn men were arrested and accused of stealing more than \$30 million in cash and other valuables from safe deposit boxes in banks across Europe, federal authorities said. A grand jury indictment charged Val Cooper, 56, Alex Levin, 52, and Garri Smith, 49, with money laundering conspiracy and violations of the Travel Act after a string of alleged thefts between March 2015 and October 2019 at banks in Ukraine, Russia, North Macedonia, Moldova, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and France. The men "targeted foreign banks that appeared to lack certain security features, including video surveillance cameras in certain areas," according to the indictment.

SOURCE: 23 April 2021, [NBC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Authorities Open Terrorism Investigation in Police Station Stabbing

(U) Rambouillet – French authorities opened a terrorism investigation and detained three people after a police official was stabbed to death inside a police station outside Paris. Officers shot and killed the attacker at the scene Friday, authorities said. Anti-terrorism prosecutor Jean-Francois Ricard told reporters that his office took over the probe because the attacker had staked out the station ahead of time, because of statements he made during the attack, and because he targeted a police official. French media reports identified the attacker as a 37-year-old French resident with no criminal record or record of radicalization. A French judicial official said the suspect was born in Tunisia and that witnesses heard him say "Allahu akbar," Arabic for "God is great," during the attack.

SOURCE: 23 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Germany – German Woman Convicted of ISIS Membership

(U) Berlin – A Berlin court on Friday convicted a German woman of membership with the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) for her time spent in territory controlled by ISIS in Syria. The court gave the 34-year-old, identified only as Zeynep G. in line with German privacy rules, a sentence of two-years and 10-months in prison. However, it ordered her released on condition that she reports to authorities. The defendant traveled to Syria to join ISIS in October 2014, the court found. There, she married a man of Chechen origin who had grown up in Germany and belonged to ISIS.

SOURCE: 23 April 2021, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Sri Lanka – Authorities Arrest Man for 2019 Easter Attacks

(U) Colombo – Sri Lankan police on Saturday arrested a prominent Muslim lawmaker and his brother for suspected connections to the Easter Sunday suicide bombings in 2019 that killed 269 people. Rishad Bathiudeen is a former Cabinet minister who currently leads an opposition party in Sri Lanka's Parliament. He and his brother, Reyaj Bathiudeen, were arrested in the capital for allegedly "aiding and abetting the suicide bombers who committed the Easter Sunday carnage," said police spokesman Ajith Rohana. He said the brothers have not yet been officially charged but were arrested based on direct evidence, as well as what he called circumstantial and "scientific" evidence.

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